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**Senior Airmen Karen Hughes (left) and Stan Schmotzer, 701st AS loadmasters, check equipment and make final preparations for takeoff on a Palmetto Ghost mission Feb. 5. Palmetto Ghost is a joint effort between several law enforcement and government agencies assisting other countries in fighting the war on drugs. Read the full story on page 3.**

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## ***Remember, celebrate:*** **Good ol' days are yet to come**

**by Chaplain (Maj.) Carl Yost**  
*315th AW Chaplain*

We often speak of the good ol' days. We are a very nostalgic society. Lessons learned from the past can be appreciated. However, if we dwell upon the past as the good ol' days, never to return, what kind of message do we send to the younger generation, our children? It could be a message of living only for the moment because the good times on this earth are past history.

A message of a bleak and dangerous future leaves the youth of our society faced with the problems of indifference, violence, fear, sarcasm or escape.

The message of the faith communities at this season of the year is a message of hope. Hope can be defined as believing without seeing. When used as a noun, hope implies trust in a guaranteed future. The 16th century reformer, Martin Luther, described hope as "spiritual courage." Hope can exist in the good and bad, ups and downs of life. It can bring peace to our restless and waiting. Hope is anticipating a reality

before it is seen or felt.

As the spring season begins to show forth signs of new life, may this be a sign that no matter how dark the world might appear, as if the good ol' days have passed, there is a holy message of hope to be proclaimed. As we interact with family, friends and co-workers, let us do so in confidence for the future. As we counsel with others, let us do so with an expectation of transformation and action.

As we mentor and dialog with the youngsters of our days, let us do so in terms of promises, visions and hope. The witness of our faith communities confidently proclaims that the Holy encompasses all life, past, present and future. The Holy is doing a new thing. The good ol' days are yet to come.



***Chaplain (Maj.) Carl Yost***

## ***Wing members attend presidential inauguration***

**by Maj. Bill Walsh**  
*315th AW Public Affairs*

Members of the 315th Airlift Wing were on hand when President George W. Bush was sworn in for his second term in January.

"I sat about 10 feet away from President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush. I could almost reach out and touch them," said Staff Sgt. Michelle Simmons of the 315th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Sergeant Simmons, along with four other members from the wing, was selected to attend the event made up of a number of different galas.

"I was selected to attend the 'Saluting Those Who Serve' gala," explained Sergeant Simmons. "We sat in the first four rows, directly in front of the stage and right behind Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and his wife."

The military played a big role in this

year's events which had a patriotic theme and many people from all of the services took part.

"I was quite honored to be chosen by my squadron," Tech. Sgt. Peter Anderson of the 317th Airlift Squadron explained. "The gala I attended was held at the MCI center."

According to Sergeant Anderson, actor Kelsey Grammar was the host of the event he attended with music from Gloria Estefan, John Michael Montgomery, Darryl Worley, Lee Greenwood and others.

"There were many moments that were very moving; one was when the Coast Guard band played 'Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy,' and I happened to look across to see about 15 nurses from World War II tapping their feet," he said.

Also attending were 40 Medal of Honor winners, members of the president's staff, the vice president and the president's parents,

George H.W. and Barbara Bush.

"The ceremony was so patriotic and uplifting, it brought tears to my eyes," said Sergeant Simmons. "When Secretary Rumsfeld got up to leave, I reached out to shake his hand and he reached into his pocket and pulled out a 'Donald Rumsfeld' coin and handed it to me as he shook my hand."

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I will never forget," said Senior Airman Nina Washington of the 84th Aerial Port Squadron, who also attended the "Saluting Those Whose Serve" gala.

"This opportunity allowed me to obtain an understanding on how much the men and women of the armed forces are appreciated," said Airman Washington.

Also attending the inauguration from the wing were Staff Sgt. Steven Smith of the 315th Security Forces Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Forrest Aspinwall of the 300th AS.

# 315th crews train over South America terrain

by Kenny Pruitt

315th AW Public Affairs

As the 315th Airlift Wing loadmaster urged passengers to remain in their seats until the aircraft stopped, it was the mission, not the seatbelts, on the minds of most onboard the Charleston AFB C-17 Globemaster.

Senior Airman Karen Hughes, attempting to follow every rule on her check flight, made the announcement as the jet touched down and taxied across the isolated runway in a forward operating location in South America.

While a training mission for pilots and loadmasters, this mission also supports Palmetto Ghost, a joint effort of several law enforcement and government agencies assisting other countries in fighting the war on drugs. The U.S. military supports counter-drug operations through training, planning, logistics and communications.

"AFRC supports the president's policy in the counter drug arena," said Col. Robert Swain, the assistant director of operations for the Air Force Reserve Command. "The missions like this offer challenging flying, training and real world participation to the continued global war on terrorism."

The mission served a dual purpose for Colonel Swain: a look at the needs of Charleston AFB crew members and training in the C-17.

"Hardships and obstacles that the crew faces sometime never make it to the major command level so getting the pulse and operations tempo first hand is invaluable," said Colonel Swain.

Three other pilots on the mission were also training. In order to remain current on requirements, 315th Airlift Wing pilots are required to fly approximately 60 days per year, said Maj. Keith Moore, the aircraft commander.

"Our pilots have quarterly requirements for overseas missions and there is a South America qualification," said Major Moore. "This mission has many legs for instrument approaches and



photos by Kenny Pruitt

**Senior Airman Stan Schmotzer, 701st loadmaster, marshals a tow vehicle onto the Globemaster C-17 in preparation for a Palmetto Ghost mission.**

visual approaches along with a lot of planning for fuel and diplomatic border clearances. It is a great experience for language barriers, terrain avoidance and weather avoidance."

Pilots are not the only crewmembers challenged on this mission in South America. Loadmasters, especially those like Airman Hughes who is being evaluated on her mission this day, are challenged by the variety of cargo.

"It isn't all pallets," said Airman Hughes. "I am being evaluated on things such as weight and balance and alerting the pilots of what is going on back here."

This is the first formal check ride for Airman Hughes who has only been a reservist for two years. The check rides are scheduled to occur every 17 months.

"This is a good mission for the airmen to be evaluated on because there are a lot of different types of cargo such as vehicles, pallets and passengers," said Master Sgt. Ben Alexander, of the 315th AW standardization evaluation office.



**Senior Airman Karen Hughes, 701st loadmaster, studies a guide book while on her check flight.**

"Even though it is only four days, they get to experience a lot of things."

The evaluations ensure the loadmaster being examined is doing the job by the standards that have been set by the Air Force, said Sergeant Alexander. The 315th averages 110 loadmaster check flights per year.

# Kowalczyk wins AMC maintenance award

by Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber  
315th AW Public Affairs

Master Sgt. David Kowalczyk of the 315th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron has been selected the Air Mobility Command Outstanding Reserve Associate Maintenance Superintendent for 2004.

"This award hasn't hit home as of yet," said Sergeant Kowalczyk, an aircraft electrical and environmental systems craftsman. "This award was a total shock for me and definitely the highest award that I have received in my Air Force career."

Sergeant Kowalczyk led 75 activated and 50 traditional reservists and contributed to a remarkable 94.8 percent mission reliability rate achieved while supporting Operations Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom, according to his nomination package. He deployed as production superintendent to the area of responsibility and his leadership skills led to 1,606 C-17 aircraft missions flown while maintaining an outstanding 89 percent on-time departure reliability rate, the nomination said.

Sergeant Kowalczyk said, while deployed as a production superintendent, the mission that stands out was carrying Secretary of State Colin Powell and his entourage (security and press people) into the AOR for numerous meetings with foreign dignitaries.

"We had a small group of maintainers on this mission to make sure that we would be able to get his important mission off the ground, no matter where we were transporting him in the AOR. This was a very important mission for me because it's not everyday that you get the opportunity to fly important missions with high-ranking dignitaries."

His diligent efforts directly contributed to zero overdue critical training tasks in the Barracuda flight. Under his leadership, the Reserve production in the aircraft maintenance unit exceeded AMC standard by 18 percent in 2004 and there were zero reportable accidents in the AMU, according to his nomination package.

Sergeant Kowalczyk said all the accomplishments of Barracuda flight are a reflection of the entire flight and not one individual. "We in Barracuda flight are a team and work hard at training as a team to meet our mission requirements both peacetime and wartime led by great leadership from the wing, to the squadron, down to our flight chief.

One person that stands out as positively influencing Sergeant Kowalczyk's Reserve career is his flight chief Senior Master Sgt. Tim Swick "because of his guidance, leadership abilities and the desire to see people succeed."

"Master Sgt. Kowalczyk is a very active, 'hands-on' leader," said Sergeant Swick, who has supervised Kowalczyk for seven years. "He's probably one of the most well-rounded



photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber

**Master Sgt. David Kowalczyk, 315th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, assists Master Sgt. Bernard Matthews, a flying crew chief for 315th AMXS, with a C-17 nose tire inspection.**

supervisors I've ever known. His 'can do' attitude and dynamic personality allow him to affect actions, attitude and development of those around him in a very positive way."

"Master Sgt. Kowalczyk possesses the ability to use his experience to provide clear and concise input to both aircraft maintenance and personnel issues," said Master Sgt. Christopher Mong, who has worked with Sergeant Kowalczyk for the last two years.

Sergeant Kowalczyk, who will receive his award at the HQ AMC Annual Awards Banquet at Scott AFB, Ill. May 25, said he's learned many lessons as a maintenance superintendent, but the importance of safety stands out. "Although things are hectic at times and your attention may get sidetracked, you must always keep safety in mind with everything we do," Sergeant Kowalczyk said. "Safety of our people and safety of the mission equals mission success."



# Sobieski gets AFRC personnel award

by **Tony Clark**  
315th AW Public Affairs

Second Lieutenant Leonard Sobieski of the 315th Mission Support Squadron has been named Junior Personal Manager in the 2004 Air Force Reserve Command mission support competition.

Lieutenant Sobieski, 315th Military Personnel Flight commander, will now compete at Air Force level.

"To be named the Junior Personnel Manager of the Year for an entire command and Company Grade Officer of the Year for a wing helps reassure that I'm setting the right example and standards for myself and others" said Lieutenant Sobieski. "I've never worked with more phenomenal leadership or a better collection of personnel specialists than those in our MPF and the 315th Airlift Wing."

Lieutenant Sobieski has revised the 315th AW Awards Program Instruction to simplify guidance and base-level process, and also eliminated confusing guidance and wasteful duplication of efforts caused by disparities in unit, AFRC and AF instructions. He planned more than 250 mobilizations, 400 demobilizations and support to as many as 900 mobilized Airmen. Lieutenant Sobieski has professionally handled sensitive matters such as Congressional Inquiry and Inspector General complaints by accomplishing in-depth reviews of personnel actions and providing detailed and accurate responses to Headquarters.

Lieutenant Sobieski has done many accomplishments as a junior personnel manager. The MPF merged the data from several Air Force systems and provided easy to read products resulting

in a considerable reduction in frustration for the users of the data.

"I'm definitely proud of the Microsoft Access database that we incorporated into our MPF procedures," said Lieutenant Sobieski. "We received a lot of feedback from our 315th AW customers and peers in the military personnel community in regards to the products generated from the database and how much it simplified their lives."

One of his strong points is "his ability to quickly process information and problems, then provide logical and timely decisions to all levels of management," said Maj. Michael Burns, 315th MSS commander.

"His technical knowledge and his unique capability to understand priorities and the 'big picture' are far beyond someone of his years and grade," added Major Burns.

## Newsome wins award for Air Force civil engineering

by **Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber**  
315th AW Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Charles Newsome, an explosive ordinance disposal craftsman with the 315th Civil Engineering Squadron, has been named the top Reserve Component Civil Engineer NCO Manager in the Air Force for 2004.

Sergeant Newsome deployed to Tallil Air Base, Iraq, in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, according to his nomination package. He assisted the in-country exploitation team from the Naval EOD Technical Division for the development of new render safe procedures on three captured Iraqi SA-7B surface to air missiles and safely disarmed the components, the package said.

Furthermore, Sergeant Newsome voluntarily deployed to Baghdad International Airport to provide EOD emergency response to the 447th Expeditionary CES. Newsome volunteered to put himself into the heart of roadside bomb country.

While deployed there, Sergeant Newsome gained the trust of a local Iraqi child who provided information concerning a bomb maker in a nearby residence. Newsome conducted site intelligence operations and initiated a raid of the facility. Sergeant Newsome personally apprehended three armed terrorists constructing explosive devices and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for the actions he took.

Sergeant Newsome seized every opportunity to integrate South Carolina Law Enforcement EOD career with his military duties, his nomination package said. He played a key leadership role in providing cross-functional expertise and military liaison for the First S.C. Lowcountry Region Counter-Terrorism Program. Sergeant Newsome integrated joint military response into a terrorist scenario.

Sergeant Newsome volunteered on three occasions to provide U.S. Secret Service protective detail support for the President and Vice President of the United States.

# 315th annual award winners chosen

## **Senior Airman Trevor Boling** *Airman of the Year*

"I would have to say that my greatest accomplishment in 2004 would be graduating from basic training on January 9" said Airman Trevor Boling of the 315th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "I get a feeling of pride and joy knowing that now I have completed a dream that I have had since I was a young boy."

Airman Boling was recently activated in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and displayed "leadership traits above his grade," according to his nomination package. This was a major contributing factor for Airman Boling being awarded 315th AW Airman of the Year.

## **Staff Sgt. Michelle Simmons** *Noncommissioned Officer of the Year*

"The key to being successful in this career field is not letting other people's attitudes get you down," said Staff Sgt. Michelle Simmons, an aircraft technician with the 315th AMXS. "It can get stressful out there sometimes and you need to keep a positive attitude."

Sergeant Simmons was the recipient of the Knucklebuster Award where winners are selected by their peers. Sergeant Simmons efforts identified 19 delaminated panels on five C-17 aircrafts which prevented numerous costly dropped objects.

## **Master Sgt. David Kowalczyk** *Senior NCO of the year*

Master Sgt. David Kowalczyk, 315th AMXS, was an extraordinary leader for 75 activated and 50 traditional reservists. His expertise contributed to remarkable 94.8 percent mission reliability rate achieved while supporting Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, according to his nomination package.

"I am proud to have been activated to

support the active duty and to have been part of all the things that have happened this year."

Sergeant Kowalczyk said that the keys to being successful in his section chief job are "good communication, time management, priority setting skills, patience, respect and open mindedness."

## **Master Sgt. Edwin Felix** *First Sergeant of the year*

Master Sgt. Edwin Felix, 315th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, helped develop the Enlisted Vacancy Promotion Policy which convened, directed the promotion board and reviewed packages for quality assurance.

Sergeant Felix was selected as a leadership Facilitator for the Air Force Reserve Command Professional Development Center and trained more than 100 junior enlisted reserve airmen in leadership, management, teamwork, supervisor roles and decision making processes.

Sergeant Felix was selected by the 437th Airlift Wing to instruct junior noncommissioned officers on Air Force Heritage and Culture

## **2nd Lt. Len Sobieski** *Company Grade Officer of the year*

Second Lt. Len Sobieski, 315th Military Personnel Flight commander, planned more than 250 mobilizations and 400 demobilizations and supported as many as 900 mobilized Airmen, according to his nomination package.

Lieutenant Sobieski has helped revise the 315th AW Awards Program Instruction to simplify guidance and base-level process. He eliminated confusing guidance and wasteful duplication of efforts caused by disparities in the unit, Air Force Reserve Command and Air Force Instructions, his nomination package said.

## **Maj. Connie Alge** *Field Grade Officer of the Year*

Maj. Connie Alge, 315th Services Flight commander, volunteered to deploy to Port Mortuary to assist with processing casualties and serve as Mass Casualty director.

Major Alge was nominated to attend the annual Air Force Association's Air and Space Conference Professional Development Program.

"I'm very proud of the unit and its members for its hard work over the year which enabled us to be selected as AFRC Specialized Program for our Port Mortuary program in 2004," said Major Alge.

## **Mr. Robert Klopp** *Civilian of the Year*

Mr. Robert Klopp, the Civilian of the Year for 315th AW as well as Team Charleston, was the catalyst for his flight in 315th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron surpassing the Air Mobility Command's 93 percent home-station logistics reliability standard. Led by Mr. Klopp, an aircraft mechanic leader, the flight garnished a 94.3 percent for calendar year 2004, according to his nomination package.

His aggressive leadership enabled successful launch of more than over 11,200 worldwide sorties boasting a phenomenal 95 percent maintenance reliability rate for C-17 aircraft missions supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, his nomination package also said.

In his spare time, Mr. Klopp completed a course sponsored by Woodcraft Corporation to enhance his woodworking skills. Then he coordinated and led efforts to create 140 wooden pen and pencil sets for U.S. troops on the frontlines in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"Making pens for the soldiers overseas is the accomplishment that I am most proud of," Mr. Klopp said.

# AF Reserve couple wins home makeover

by Master Sgt. Tom Crawford  
315th AW Public Affairs

With the chill of a winter Friday night bearing down on the South Carolina low-country, nearly 300 friends and family awaited the arrival of a 315th Airlift Wing reservist and his wife.

Tech. Sgt. James Hamm and his wife Selena step from the limousine to see three fire trucks, along with the onlookers, blocking the view of their home. As the crowd chanted, "move your trucks, move your trucks," the fire trucks rolled away exposing a newly renovated home both outside and inside.

"This can't be true. I can't believe this is happening to us. I keep thinking you have the wrong couple," said Sergeant Hamm.

Sergeant Hamm, a member of the 315th Maintenance Squadron at Charleston Air Force Base, had received word one week earlier he and his wife won a \$100,000 home makeover contest from a local television station. The station received more than 250 tapes of homes around the low-country needing work, from minor to major repairs and upgrades.

"It was a very difficult process for the five judges to go through and just select just one," said Ava Swain, project manager from ABC News 4.

"When we viewed the tape of James talking about their home and how it would be nice to have their home more wheelchair accessible for his wife Selena, all of our judges were extremely touched." Selena has multiple sclerosis and is confined to a wheelchair and limited use of one hand.

A fellow civilian co-worker, Ray Hughes, submitted Sergeant Hamm and Salina for the contest. "I had teased James about leaving for lunch every day and not telling any one where he was going," said Mr. Hughes. "Come to find out, he was going home and taking care of his wife and making sure she was comfortable."



photo by Tony Clark

**Tech. Sgt. James Hamm, 315th Maintenance Squadron and his wife, Selena, react to the news they were selected for a \$100,000 home makeover.**

Fifty companies and 150 volunteers completed the entire home in only seven days. "It's amazing how well everyone came together and worked so well together," said Kevin Kalman, lead contractor for the project. "So many contractors who normally bid against each other were working together for the same cause, to complete this home for this wonderful couple in one week."

As the Hamms were being shown through their home, nearly everyone who had worked on the home was assembled on the new brick patio with two last big surprises. Gleaming from the light of the newly-installed outdoor lighting was a new electric wheelchair for Selena and a miniature putting green for Sergeant Hamm.

"This is so wonderful; so many great things have happened to Selena and I this week," said Sergeant Hamm.

"Hopefully we'll get to meet everyone who helped with the work. I'd like to thank each and everyone of them."



photo by Master Sgt. Tom Crawford

**Work began with removal of furniture and carpeting. The entire inside of the house was painted and new tile was placed. Kitchen counter tops were replaced and new appliances were installed. A complete surround sound with 42" flat screen T.V. was installed in the living room with a remote control that also controls the lightning.**

## Women's History Month

# Mentoring strategies span from airmen to children

by Tech. Sgt Mark Kleber  
315th AW Public Affairs

In the pages of women's history are many excellent role models, some of whom are just emerging today. Master Sgt. Cynthia Ebeling of the 315th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is a one such example. By taking on two careers that complement each other, Sergeant Ebeling is carving out a space for herself in women's history.

Sergeant Ebeling works as an airplane mechanic in the 315th AMXS. It's not

exactly a typical female job. As she puts it, "I'm a C-17 maintainer. What's not to like?"

According to Sergeant Ebeling, when she joined the Reserve in 1984, "they wouldn't let women be pararescuers." Apparently, Sergeant Ebeling chose the next best mode of service. She is a flightline supervisor.

Sergeant Ebeling talked about the skills she uses as a flightline supervisor. She says, "As all supervisors, to be successful you have to assess skill levels, learn how to efficiently manage your time and resources, care about your people, believe in what you're doing, and know that your attitude makes a difference."

Apparently she does these things well because others are impressed. In fact, Senior Master Sgt. Phil Summers of 315th AMXS calls Sergeant Ebeling an excellent supervisor. He says she is "always looking out for her team members; sometimes like a mother hen and her chicks."

Perhaps the mother hen and chicks image is due in part to Sergeant Ebeling's other career, teaching. Since 1998, Sergeant Ebeling has been a creative arts teacher at Stevens Creek Elementary School in Martinez, Ga. She claims that it takes the same qualities to be a successful teacher as it does to be a good supervisor on the flight line.

In both roles, Sergeant Ebeling jokingly says her style is that of "benevolent tsar." According to Sergeant Ebeling, both jobs have "a menagerie of personalities with different ideas on how to achieve a common objective. They're all jockeying for position." She compares them both to a zoo. "Did I say zoo? I should have said aquarium. You know – gators, sharks, blowfish, flounder." It is obvious that Sergeant Ebeling's lively sense of humor has played a large role in her success in both of her chosen careers.

In helping other women to achieve

the same level of success in a man's world, Sergeant Ebeling says, "Learn your job, like your people, lose your ego. To be a good supervisor, you don't need recognition." To Sergeant Ebeling's credit, recognition isn't the main goal; it's the satisfaction of a job well done, whether it's in her Reserve job or civilian job. She uses her "knowledge of team dynamics and what motivates people" in both jobs.

But does a role model like Sergeant Ebeling have any role models of her own? Yes. Sergeant Ebeling says Jesus is her role model because "even though He is all knowing, He was still surprised by the faith of His followers." In her military position, Jesus plays an important role as well. Sergeant Ebeling says, "He knows the future, even when you may have lost the battle, the war has already been won. Don't give up – persevere." That attitude contributes to Sergeant Ebeling's character.

When asked about the sacrifices Sergeant Ebeling has made in her military career, she claims, "My kids and my mom have had to make most of the sacrifices. Certainly, I miss them, and I've missed concerts and soccer games, hugs, and kisses before bedtime. I miss the classroom and working with children." If all goes as planned, she will reenlist in six months, continuing to serve after the 21 years she has already given.

Sergeant Ebeling said her grandmother Bessie, who was a riveter at an airplane factory in Linden, N.J., in World War II influenced her. Sergeant Ebeling said Bessie had the rare ability "to laugh at herself and to persevere, not to get down then things are rough." It seems that Sergeant Ebeling is following in her footsteps – fighting the good fight, serving her fellow human beings and inspiring others in the process.

In March as we celebrate Women's History Month, let's forget women like Sergeant Ebeling who are making a difference.



**Master Sgt. Cynthia Ebeling marshals aircraft to stop on Charleston AFB flightline**



## RECOGNITION

# Kudos

## Promotions

### Colonel

Randal Bright, 315th OG  
Frank Taylor, 315th MSG  
David Wallis, 701st AS

### Chief Master sergeant

Roger Evans, 84th APS  
Wallace Muckenfuss, 81st APS

### Senior Master sergeant

Dwayne Evans, 315th MXS  
Ray Evans, 315th CES  
James Hampton, 315th CES  
Kris Huntley, 315th AMXS  
John Mahaffey, 81st APS  
Kim Patterson, 315th MXS  
William Rock, 84th APS

### Master sergeant

Kevin Anderson, 53rd APS  
James Blackburn, 315th CES  
James Clapper, 315th AMDS  
Daniel Daiber, 701st AS  
Robert Difilippo, 38th APS  
Pamela Graham, 315th AMDS  
Staniel Hodge, 315th MXS  
Bradley Kuhn, 315th MXS  
Deborah Newkirk, 315th MXS  
Jose Quirindongo, 315th MXS  
Charles Smith, 315th CES  
Ernest Townsend, 81st APS  
Michele Washington, 38th APS

### Technical sergeant

Daniel Bonilla, 300th AS  
Kenneth Brown, 315th AMXS  
Derek Burcham, 300th AS  
Brian Dubois, 81st APS  
Anthony Gray, 315th MXS  
Kevin Heis, 315th MXG  
Jeffrey Herold, 84th APS  
Lisa McKinney 53rd APS  
Eduardo Reyesnunez, 315th MSS  
Shirley Riley 315th MXS  
Corey Shaffer, 38th APS

### Staff sergeant

Devon Anderson, 315th LRF  
Bradley Emory, 84th APS  
Victoria Grant, 315th CES  
Jamie Linen, 315th AMDS  
Jennifer Manigo, 315th AMDS  
Vincent Moseley, 315th AMXS  
Douangmala Siharath, 315th SVF

### Senior airman

Christopher Abbott, 38th APS  
Bryan Bonds 315th CES  
Jennifer Castellanos, 81st APS  
Christopher Corley, 81st APS

Lakisha Embery, 315th MXS  
Carla Ferrette, 81st APS  
Jaqueline Gordon, 38th APS  
Beneka Heyward, 81st APS  
Christine Hill, 315th MXS  
Hittle Logan Kitts, 315th MXS  
Andrew Knecht, 84th APS  
James Leblanc, 84th APS  
Rhonda Lewis, 84th APS  
Ryan Mecham, 315th CES  
Debra Nelson, 315th MXS  
Matthew Reece, 315th CES  
Lawrence Smith, 53rd APS  
Daniel Snively, 315th AMXS  
Joseph Speer, 81st APS  
Megan Watson, 315th MXS  
Benjamin Whitley, 84th APS  
Quincey Whitner, 81st APS  
Dare William, 38th APS

### Airman 1st class

Keir Appleget, 315th AMDS  
Ryan Bradley, 315th AES  
Jemelia Corbie, 84th APS  
Kristina Cosgrove, 315th MSS  
Jason Howard, 315th AMXS  
Adam Martin, 317th AS  
Gail Rainwater, 315th MXS  
Edward Vanburen III, 315th AMXS  
Lamarr Warrenbryson, 315th MXS  
Garrett Waters, 315th MXS

### Airman

James Owens, 315th MXS

## SNCO/NCO Induction ceremony

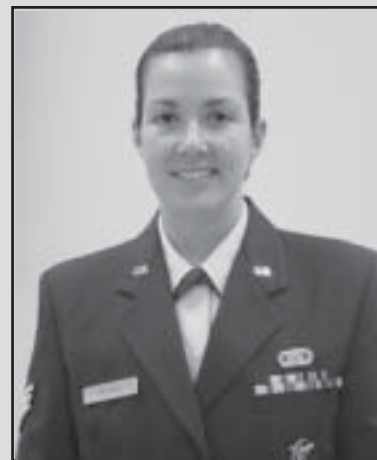
### Master Sergeant

Kevin Anderson, 53rd APS  
David Taylor, 315th MSS  
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Jennifer Manigo, 315th AMDS  
Vincent Moseley, 315th AMXS  
Douangmala Siharath, 315th SVF

## Team Charleston Spotlight



**Name:** Senior Airman Rebecca Ireland

**Unit:** 315th Security Forces Squadron

**Position:** Security Forces journeyman

**Civilian job:** Police officer

**Hometown:** Orlando, Fla.

**Best part about my job:** Interacting with others

**Most challenging part of my job:** Being patient

**Pet peeve:** Slow drivers driving in the fast lane

**Hobbies:** Racquetball, wakeboarding and jet skiing

**Ideal vacation:** Virgin Islands

**Something people don't know**

**about me:** I used to play the flute

**Something I do that drives people**

**crazy:** Being a perfectionist

**I'd like other to say this about**

**me:** That I care about others

**Favorite food:** Pizza

**Favorite music:** Hip hop

**This would make my day:** A cure for cancer

**If you be anyone else:** Hillary Clinton

**Personal goal:** To become an officer in the Air Force

**Something I would do if I had the time:** Volunteer my time for Special Olympics

# Hails, farewells, enlistments

The 315th Airlift Wing would like to welcome its **new members**.

## 315th AW

Senior Airman Danielle Creeger

## 315th AMDS

Senior Airman Brandon Miller

## 315th AES

Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Tatum

## 315th MXS

Staff Sgt. Clary Butler  
Senior Airman Darrah Henley  
Airman 1st Class Aubrey Johnson

## 315th AMXS

Senior Airman Chichii Okpa  
Staff Sgt. Justin Wallace  
Senior Airman Bradley Whitmore

## 53rd APS

Staff Sgt. Bruce Hutchinson

## 38th APS

Senior Airman Judson Still

## 81st APS

Senior Airman Kevin Thompson

## 84th APS

Staff Sgt. Lloyd Vanleuven

## 315th MSS

Senior Airman Danielle Jarrell

## 315th SFS

Staff Sgt. Joshua Smith

Senior Airman Jeffrey Walton

## 315th CES

Staff Sgt. Thomas Wielbelhaus

We would also like to say good-bye to those **members retiring, separating or transferring**. Thank you for your service and dedication to this country and wing.

## 315th AMDS

Maj. James Johnston  
Staff Sgt. Isaiah Jones

## 315th AES

Tech. Sgt. Lance Hurd  
Tech Sgt. Victoria Miller

## 315th OSS

Senior Airman Lakeasha Johnson

## 315th CES

Senior Airman Karlton Sanders

## 84th APS

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Bouchillon

## 81st APS

Tech Sgt. Charles Little  
Master Sgt. Tommy Rice  
Tech Sgt. Ronald Scott

## 38th APS

Tech. Sgt. Teresa Greene  
Tech. Sgt. David Jackson  
Tech. Sgt. Eddie Shepard

Senior Master Sgt. Robert Thompson

Airman 1st Class Alexandria Wilson

Senior Airman Wesley Wilson

## 53rd APS

Tech Sgt. George Batts

## 315th MSS

Senior Airman Paul Kornahrens

## 315th SFS

Tech. Sgt. Frank Fuda  
Senior Airman Nathan Lesicka

## 315th MXS

Senior Master Sgt. Ralph Bruhn  
Tech. Sgt. Nathaniel Harper  
Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Smoak

## 315th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Gray Daniel  
Senior Master Sgt. Benjamin Givens  
Tech. Sgt. Leslie Hanks

## 315th MXG

Master Sgt. Lora Freeman

Congratulations to the **members reenlisting**. Thank you for your continued commitment.

## 315th AW

Master Sgt. John Heckman

## 317th AS

Tech. Sgt. Kervin Wilson

## 701st AS

Master Sgt. Michael Smith

## 315th MXS

Tech. Sgt. Michael Bourean

## 315th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Bryant  
Master Sgt. Norma Henderson  
Staff Sgt. Robert Judelsohn  
Staff Sgt. Vernell Richardson  
Staff Sgt. Patrick Smith

## 315th MOF

Tech. Sgt. Alton Bundrick

## 84th APS

Staff Sgt. Edward Clark  
Tech. Sgt. Charles Kuykendall

## 38th APS

Tech. Sgt. Blondell Allen  
Tech. Sgt. Larry Sease  
Master Sgt. David Woods

## 53rd APS

Tech. Sgt. Brian Brock  
Tech. Sgt. Steven Walters

## 315th SFS

Master Sgt. Jerry Henning

## 315th LRF

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Payne  
Master Sgt. Matthew Rogers

## 315th MSG

Staff Sgt. James Bailey

## Awards and decorations

### Meritorious Service Medal

Master Sgt. Michael Anderson, 315th MXS  
Maj. Randall Bishop, 315th CES  
Maj. Mark Blount, 300th AS  
Master Sgt. Johnny Brant, 315th AMXS  
Senior Master Sgt. Tonya Blythe, 315th CES  
Senior Master Sgt. Ralph Bruhn, 315th MXS  
Master Sgt. Carlton Edwards Jr., 38th APS  
Master Sgt. Lora Freeman, 315th MXS  
Maj. Timothy Hopkins, 38st APS  
Tech. Sgt. Lance Hurd, 315th AES  
Maj. David Kenton, 300th AS  
Lt. Col. Ronald Mature, 300th AS  
Maj. Thomas McNamara, 300th AS  
Master Sgt. Kevin Peters, 315th AMXS  
Lt. Col. John Placko III, 300th AS  
Master Sgt. Tommy Rice, 81st APS  
Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Smoak Jr., 315th MXS  
Capt. Don Thigpen II, 315th AS  
Master Sgt. Bart Walters, 315th AES

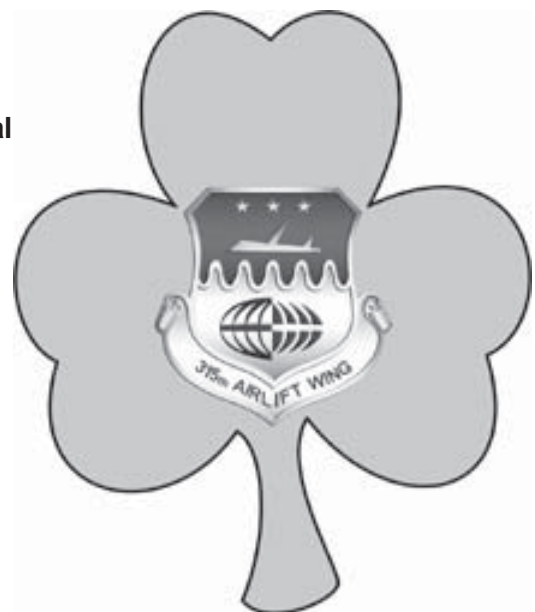
Master Sgt. Clarence Wehunt, 315th MXS  
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Woods, 38th APS

### Air Force Commendation Medal

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Carlson, 315th AMXS  
Tech. Sgt. Henry Haskell, 315th MXS  
Tech. Sgt. Michael Karns, 315th MXS  
Tech Sgt. Ronnie Leak, 315 th AMXS  
Tech. Sgt. Timothy Mciver, 315th MXS  
Tech. Sgt. Michael K. Penland, 38th APS  
Tech. Sgt. John Tolbert, 315th AMXS  
Tech. Sgt. John Urbanski, 315th AMXS  
Tech Sgt. George Waither 315th AMXS  
Tech. Sgt. Barry Washington, 315th AMXS

### Air Force Achievement Medal

Senior Airman Annette Gaines, 315th MXS  
Capt. John Sellers, 315th OG  
Senior Airman Jack Sweatman, 315th CES  
Tech. Sgt. James Walker, 315th MXS



## New Automated Lodging Reservation System

The new Automated Lodging Reservation System will soon be operational and mandatory for all 315th Airlift Wing members who are authorized lodging.

From a touch-tone telephone members will be able to make, change or cancel their own lodging reservations at Charleston AFB during scheduled UTA weekends only (not while on orders or rescheduled UTAs during the week).

Group commanders, squadron commanders, first sergeants, Unit Lodging Monitors and members authorized lodging will be scheduled for a briefing over the next few months. The briefings, which will be conducted by the 315th Services Flight, will be completed separately for each group.

For additional information please contact Master Sgt. Stuart Wheelless at 963-2847.

## Air Force Assistance Fund

The Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign started Feb. 16 and ends March 29. Program officials invite Airmen to contribute to any of the Air Force's four official charitable organizations. The organizations benefiting from the campaign include the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund, the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired service members, surviving spouses and families. This is the 32nd year of the fund drive, where the four charities receive 100 percent of designated contributions.

Points of contact for the 315th AW are Lt. Jesse Ulrickson, primary, at 963-2436 and Master Sgt. JoAnn Gillespie, alternate, at 963-2455.

## 315th AW Alumni Luncheon

The next alumni luncheon will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 6 at the Charleston Club. The Heritage Trust Credit Union is sponsoring the free luncheon, which is open to all alumni members.

## Space Camp Scholarship

The Military Child Education Coalition is accepting applications for the 2005 Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial NASA Space Camp Scholarship. Children in grades six through nine of activated or active-duty personnel may apply. The application and eligibility requirements may be found at [www.militarychild.org/PDF-2004/2005\\_Application.pdf](http://www.militarychild.org/PDF-2004/2005_Application.pdf).

The application deadline is April 1. This is a change from previous years.

For more information contact Cade Metz, space camp coordinator at [www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org) or call (254) 953-1923.

## Free tickets

All active duty, active Reserve and Reserve service members are eligible for one-day admission from now until Dec. 31 to Sea World and Busch Gardens parks during Anheuser's Busch's Here's to the Heroes" salute campaign.

To be eligible, the service member registers on-line at [www.herosalute.com](http://www.herosalute.com) or at the entrance plaza of the participating parks.

Members must have a current military-issued Department of Defense photo ID when registering or entering the park. As many as three family members directly related to the eligible service member may take advantage of the offer. On base outlets such as the Outdoor Recreation Center and Information, Tickets and Tours Office, do not have advanced tickets for this program or further information eligibility. The tickets must be secured through the website or at the park.

See [www.herosalute.com](http://www.herosalute.com) for more information on the "Heroes Salute" program.

## Montgomery GI Bill

Effective Dec. 10, 2004, reservists who are mobilized for the Chapter 30 benefit have up to one year after completion of the two-year activation to pay the \$1,200 in a lump sum amount. For more information call 315th Airlift Wing training at 963-2071/2073/2076.

## Thank You Celebration

On May 13-14 the 315th Airlift Wing will show its appreciation to those serving our country as it offers a "Thank You" celebration to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of the wing and its members in combating the Global War on Terror.

Join reservists and families and enjoy a 315th Alumni-sponsored golf tournament, orientation flights, picnic, dancing and other activities. Watch for more details.

## Budget proposed for FY 2006

The president's proposed defense budget for next year seeks \$3.9 billion in funding for Air Force Reserve Command and an end-strength of 74,000 reservists.

The fiscal 2006 request covers the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, 2005. Senior Department of Defense officials announced the overall defense budget request of \$419.3 billion. The Air Force is to get \$127.5 billion.

"This budget represents the latest installment in the president's strong commitment to transforming this department to face the challenges of the 21st century," said Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in a news release Feb. 7. "We continue your transition to a more agile, deployable and lethal force.

"We are a nation at war," the secretary added. "The president's budget, together with the supplemental spending proposals the president has made, provides the men and women in uniform what they need to prevail."

The Air Force Reserve requests funding for three separate appropriations - operation and maintenance, reserve personnel, and military construction. (AFRC News Service)

## Travel Card Info Lost

About 900,000 Defense Department employees may be affected by Bank of America's loss of government travel card information.

Bank of America is sending letters to affected employees and has set up a hotline for those affected. The number is 800-493-8444.

# Spouses invited on orientation flight

Spouses of 315th reservists are invited to participate in a C-17 orientation flight under the Patriot Spouse Program during the Thank You Celebration May 14. The flight is offered to introduce spouses to Charleston's mission. As a reservist, if you have a

family member who will be attending the Thank You Celebration and requires lodging, please make sure that they are identified to Services during the April UTA so that accommodations may be secured.

## Patriot Spouse Application

Applications must be completely filled out and returned to the 315th Airlift Wing Family Support Office by mail: 218 N. Bates Street, Charleston Air Force Base, SC, 29404; fax at (843) 963-7010 or phone in the information at (843) 963-2455 or toll-free at 1-800-828-5590, no later than May 1st. For spouses only. Proper identification required.

Unit member's name (first, last, rank): \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name (first, last): \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_



\* Spouses that are eligible to fly are those that have not flown within the last 24 months

\*\*Privacy statement: Information requested is affected by the Privacy Act of 1974. Disclosure is voluntary; however, participants will be denied boarding for the C-17 flight without the requested information. Flight is subject to the availability of the aircraft.



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